

Octagonal House.
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Minneapolis, Minn.

OCTAGONAL HOUSE.
1855
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Andrew Mackey received the land on an United States grant, Aug. 12, 1851, and deeded this portion to Hewitt L. Thomas, who with others platted the town of Afton in 1855.

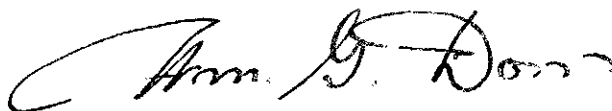
Meredith H. Thomas, son of Hewitt L. Thomas, built the house in 1855. He had also a general store and library.

The house is of an unusual and interesting octagonal plan with L-shaped wing at the rear. The walls are vertical 1 1/2" x 4" pine boards with battens over the joints. There is a nicely detailed lookout cupola at the peak of the roof. All mouldings are square or bevelled, but quite effective.

The present owner and occupant is Frank Spreeman.

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